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SUBJ: BAHAMIAN PASSPORTS

REF: STATE 279572; TELCON BETWEEN EMBOFF SALISBURY AND
HIGH (ARA/CAR)

1. EMBASSY PREPARING DIPLOMATIC NOTE PER REFTEL.
2. ON JAN 7 PERMANENT SECRETARY GCOB MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ORALLY CONFIRMED TO CONSULAR OFFICER THAT, AS ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED AT INDEPENDENCE, PRE-INDEPENDENCE BAHAMIAN PASSPORTS IN POSSESSION OF CITIZENS OF THE BAHAMAS WILL CEASE TO BE VALID FOR TRAVEL ABROAD AFTER JAN 9, 1975. PRE-INDEPENDENCE PASSPORTS HELD BY NON-BAHAMIAN BRITISH SUBJECTS WILL REMAIN VALID HOWEVER. PRE-INDEPENDENCE PASSPORTS WILL ALSO BE HONORED FOR RETURN OF BAHAMIAN CITIZENS TO THE BAHAMAS WHO ARE OUTSIDE OF THE BAHAMAS ON JANUARY 9.
3. SO FAR GCOB HAS ISSUED APPROX 28,000 POST INDEPENDENCE PASSPORTS OUT OF ESTIMATED 90,000 PASSPORTS OUTSTANDING AT INDEPENDENCE. A HUGE RUSH ON GCOB PASSPORT OFFICE IS NOW LIKELY.
4. PERMANENT SECRETARY MENTIONED MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WILL ISSUE PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER WITHIN A DAY OR TWO. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT FULL STATEMENT WHEN ISSUED.
5. ON JAN 10 EMBASSY WILL DISCONTINUE ISSUING NIV'S TO BAHAMIAN

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MIAN CITIZENS IN PRE-INDEPENDENCE PASSPORTS. INS PRE-CLEARANCE

UNIT NASSAU AIRPORT WILL ALSO CEASE ADMITTING BAHAMIAN CITI-
ZENS INTO US ON PRE-INDEPENDENCE PASSPORTS.
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